

OIL BUSINESS OF U.S. BEING INVESTIGATED

**Federal Trade Commission
Will Look Into Every Phase
of Industry.**

NEW REFINING PROCESSES CAUSING MARKED CHANGE

Agents Sent Out to Inquire Into Alleged Gasoline Price Discriminations—Many Complaints.

A complete and thorough investigation of the oil business of the United States is being made by the federal trade commission, according to an announcement made today by the commission. The investigation, which was begun in response to a resolution adopted by the Senate which was introduced by Senators Owen and G. W. of Oklahoma.

"The information called for by 'necessity,' said the announcement, 'investigation of nearly every phase of the production, transportation, refining and marketing of crude petroleum and its refined products in this country. The work of investigation under this

The commission is soon to issue a report dealing with one phase of the investigation, the cost of pipe line transportation of crude petroleum. The authoritative information dealing with present conditions on this subject has been available, and it was necessary for agents of the commission to obtain

present conditions on this subject are available, and it was necessary to rely on the best of our knowledge. It not only from the books of the public companies, but in some cases from the original expense vouchers.

One or More Features at a Time

"It is the purpose of the federal tax commission to issue reports dealing with one or more features of the industry as rapidly as information on those subjects can be collected and prepared.

"It is quite apparent from the experience already conducted that there is a wide difference between conditions existing in the several parts of the United States and that the industry is presently undergoing rapid changes, and certain

branches of it, due to the European Community's decision to open the market for refined oil products to competition from abroad. New processes for refining oil have recently been installed, and this has caused changes in the refinery situation."

In its statement, the commission also reports that many complaints have been received as to conditions in various branches of the oil industry. The statement says that the commission has been informed of several instances of charges of price discrimination in the sale of gasoline in various parts of the country.

Complaints on Gasoline Prices

"Recently there have been numerous complaints filed with the commission concerning discrimination between enterprises in the sale of gasoline," said the announcement.

"A number of these complaints were made informally by citizens in various towns in the state," said Mr. Harris, who called them to the attention of the commission. Such complaints came from California, Idaho, Missouri and other states.

The result of such inquiries will guide the commission in determining if the alleged conditions are prevalent in the United States at large, and whether they are of such a nature as to select for immediate investigation, whether it will be more advantageous to conduct a general survey, as far as possible, to the completion of reports on the whole situation, as Mr. Harris said, or to concentrate on such exhaustive investigation matters now made the subject of a complaint would necessarily be excluded."

JUVENILE RELIGIOUS TRAINING EXPLAINED

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schools and individual workers' have long isolate themselves from the rest of the workers without becoming, so far as their energy is concerned, like a lump of coal taken from the grate, separated from the glowing mass and placed in the cold corner of the hearth.

Resolutions Committee Named

President Hostetter named the following to compose the resolutions committee: Carlton B. Bail, secretary; George C. Church; S. C. Croft, Donal Memorial Church; N. E. Faucett, Calvary Baptist Church; W. F. Hauer, Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church South; H. S. Omohundro, Bridge

wood Park Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. C. H. Butler, Columbia Heights Lutheran Church; Burr G. Williams, Metropolitan Presbyterian Church; Mr. R. S. Wolfe, Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, and Mr. L. D. Sadler, First Presbyterian Church.

A letter from George W. Bailey, general secretary of the World Sunday School Associations, was read, which contained suggestions on evangelistic work.

Last night's meeting opened with song service directed by Dr. Williams. The closing prayer was by Rev. C. H. Butler.

R. Buchanan, with Claude Robertson as the main organizer. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Wallace Radcliffe. The selection by the evening of the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church. The meeting closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. A. Melvin.

Increased Contributions Greatly.
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., November 15.—Medical missionaries from all parts of the world are here to attend the seventh interdenominational medical missionary conference today. Rev. Harlan P. Beach, dean of Yale University School of Missions, is presiding at the sessions of the conference. Among the 200 or more missionaries attending are:

workers in attendance are: Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador; Dr. St. John Ward of Beirut and Dr. Per D. Watson of Shanghai, China. The delegates declare that the war in Europe has had a disastrous effect on missions generally. Contributions have fallen greatly, they say, because the European countries are now giving practically nothing to that work.

Busy on Munitions Order.

SHARON Pa., November 2.—The Driggs-Seabury Ordnance Company today began work on a contract for a six-inch shells for a foreign

116,000 six-inch shells for a foreign government whose name was not announced. The value of the contract was said to be \$2,000,000. Other orders for munitions already booked are expected to keep the plant in operation for many months.